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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Briefing of Chairman L. Mendel Rivers, House
Armed Services Committee, on Cienfuegos**

1. Today I accompanied General Cushman, Acting Director, and [] OSR, who briefed Chairman Rivers and Acting Chief Counsel Frank Slatinshek on the latest information on Cienfuegos.

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2. In response to the Chairman's questions, [] explained the chronology and history of our analysis of the evidence on this subject.

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3. The Chairman was reminded of the security holddown and assured us he would protect us. He commented that he had talked to Presidential Assistant Kissinger about the matter and had made clear to Kissinger that he would not tolerate any interference with his own access to information of concern to his Committee.

4. The Chairman and Slatinshek also expressed concern over reports of Soviet-Singapore negotiations over use of Singapore naval facilities. We promised to examine this problem intensively and report back in the near future.

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